

Supported Child Development (SCD)

The Supported Child Development Program is part of the Early Intervention (EIP) and School Age (SAP) Programs through the Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health. Both the EIP and SAP provide a family centred, multi-disciplinary team approach to serving families of children with diverse abilities.

The SCD Program works with families, childcare providers, and community support agencies to enhance and support inclusive, quality childcare. SCD consultants support childcare settings, children, and families by offering observations, resources, ongoing support, and training. The SCD program may also provide extra staffing support for the child at the childcare centre if appropriate.



Need More Information?

Contact the QACCH Supported Child Development Program at
(250) 519-6961



Welcome to the Supported Child Development Program



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Supported Child Development Consultants

SCD consultants are experienced childcare professionals, whose purpose is to support the childcare program staff in including children with support needs. The consultants have both experience with and a strong commitment to the practice of inclusion. SCD consultants work in close collaboration with both families and childcare providers.

SCD consultants are available to:

- Meet with you and the family to gather and share information about the child's strengths and challenges using the Support Guide.
- Provide direct assistance in planning and implementing individualized programs for children with support needs in the childcare setting by:
 - Observing the childcare program
 - Making child specific observations
 - Assisting in designing or adapting elements of the childcare program using a variety of strategies with the child and childcare staff, in order to facilitate a child's participation

- Offering toys and resources if appropriate from the SCD resource lending library
- Provide information, focused training and educational workshops, and specific resources to childcare providers on inclusive principles and practices
- Facilitate information sharing with School Districts for school transitions when appropriate
- Provide information directly to families regarding inclusion, supported child development options and if necessary, available extra staffing support funding
- Facilitate and coordinate plans to implement extra staffing supports if deemed necessary
- Consultants may be able to connect centres/families with other community resources.

Your SCD consultant will be available to go over the program information with you. The consultant will also be available for you to consult with at any time about the child's needs and how to include the child in your setting.

Supported Child Development Education and Training

Child Care Providers can access training opportunities through their Supported Child Development Consultant. SCD Consultants are available to provide focused training and educational workshops on inclusive principles and practices across all child care settings.

For information on upcoming training opportunities, or to request specific training for your centre, please contact your SCD Consultant at the number below.

Making a referral to the Supported Child Development Program

The Supported Child Development Program accepts referrals from families and professionals (with parent permission) who work with children.

New referrals to the SCD program must go through the QACCH intake process at 250-519-6763 or 250-519-6967.

Children receiving other supports within the Queen Alexandra Early Intervention or School Age Programs can be referred internally.